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Re: Agency Information Collection Activities
Docket No. 99N-0 185

Dear Sir or Madam:

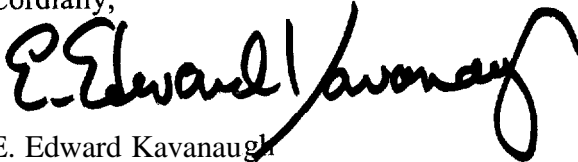
This brief comment is being submitted by The Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association in response to your August 9, 1999 Federal Register Notice.

CTFA supports FDA's stated goal of making participation in Part II of the Cosmetic Product Voluntary Reporting Program less burdensome on companies and modernizing the program to take advantage of technological advances. We have met with representatives of FDA's Office of Cosmetics and Colors on several occasions this year to discuss ways to make it easier for companies to participate and keep their information up-to-date.

We agree that companies should be encouraged to file ingredient statements for cosmetic products with FDA so that the agency is able to contact companies in the event that it discovers a safety issue with regard to a specific ingredient, as well as giving the agency a snapshot of the types of products in the market place and ingredient trends. In addition, use level information for cosmetic ingredients and formulas would be of value to the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Program in order to set priorities for reviewing ingredients.

CTFA is working with the agency to make the existing portions of the Voluntary Reporting Program more efficient and to ensure that we reduce the resource impact on both FDA and the industry by taking advantage of current technology and developing an internet-based system. The above referenced proposal furthers these goals.

Cordially,


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President

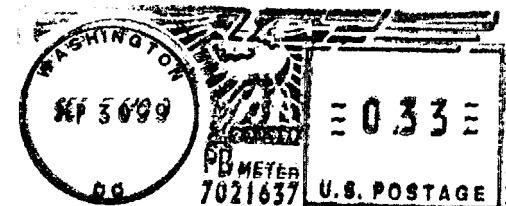
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